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United States Senate
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D.C. 20510
January 16, 1973

Honorable Richard Helms
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

As you may be aware, the Senate is to conduct a full and complete investigation of the allegations of illegal or improper activities during the recently completed national elections. This investigation is to include an examination of the events surrounding the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate, the reports of political sabotage and espionage, questions concerning the receipt and accounting of campaign funds, and the practices and procedures of the various agencies and officials in their investigation of such activities.

I am writing to request that you not destroy, remove from your possession or control, or otherwise dispose or permit the disposal of any records or documents which might have a bearing on the subjects under investigation, including but not limited to all records pertaining in any way to the financing and operations of any activity related to or affecting the nomination or election of any person during the recent Presidential campaign.

Sincerely yours,

